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(D) BOGOTA 7767

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1. AUGUST 18 NEWSPAPER TREATMENT OF FROST IS MUCH LOWER KEY  
THAN LAST SEVERAL DAYS. O GLOBO HAD NO FROST STORY AND JORNAL  
DO BRASIL CARRIED ONE SMALL ARTICLE. IN THE JORNAL DO BRASIL

STORY, INSTITUTO BRASILEIRO DO CAFE (IBC) PRESIDENT, CAMILO CALAZANS IS QUOTED AS SAYING THERE WAS MORE FROST IN STATE OF MINAS GERAIS DURING NIGHT OF AUGUST 17/18. CALAZANS AGAIN QUOTED AS SAYING FROST LOSSES WOULD BE 20 PERCENT. (HE USED A PRE-FROST ESTIMATE OF '79 CROPS OF 22 MILLION BAGS. IBC HAD BEEN PUBLICLY ESTIMATING 1979 CROP AT 20 MILLION BAGS PRIOR TO THIS ARTICLE.) THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF PARANA, JAIME CANET JUNIOR, REPORTEDLY ESTIMATES COFFEE LOSSES AT 30 PERCENT IN HIS STATE. PRESIDENT OF MINAS GERAIS' COFFEE GROWERS ASSOCIATION IS CITED AS SOURCE OF REPORT THAT FROST IN THAT STATE "REACHED" 10 TO 15 PERCENT OF COFFEE GROWING AREA. NO MENTION MADE OF DAMAGE IN SAO PAULO STATE. AUGUST 17 EDITION OF O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO QUOTES AN IBC OFFICIAL IN PARANA AS SAYING THAT PRESS REPORTS OF FROST DAMAGE ARE INACCURATE AND THAT PRESS IS BEING MANIPULATED BY PEOPLE WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN HIGHER PRICES.

2. IN RELATED STORY CALAZANS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL ATTEND A PRODUCERS' MEETING IN BOGOTA SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE NEXT TUESDAY. HE SAID MEETING WOULD BE TO STUDY THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET SITUATION AND THE EFFECTS OF THE FROST ON BRAZILIAN PRODUCTION. (THIS CONFLICTS SOMEWHAT WITH INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL D.) SAME STORY CITED RIO EXPORTERS AS SOURCE OF REPORT THAT THE PRODUCERS' MEETING WAS BEING CALLED TO SET UP A COMMON FUND TO INTERVENE IN NEW YORK AND LONDON MARKETS.

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3. CONGEN E/C OFFICER SPOKE WITH RIO EXPORTER TO OBTAIN VIEWS ON FROST DAMAGE. HE STATED THAT ACCURATE EVALUATION OF FROST DAMAGE CANNOT BE MADE UNTIL 10 DAYS HAVE ELAPSED. THUS, ALL PRESS REPORTS OF DAMAGE ARE PREMATURE. HIS OFFICE IN PARANA, HOWEVER, REPORTS THAT FROST DAMAGE WILL BE LESS SERIOUS THAN DAMAGE FROM DROUGHT EARLIER THIS YEAR. FYI: FAS ESTIMATES DROUGHT REDUCED PARANA YIELDS BY 15 TO 20 PERCENT. END FYI. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT PARANA WAS STATE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY FROST. END L.O.U.  
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